

## CORN PRODUCTION SETS RECORD HIGH, OAT PRODUCTION SETS RECORD LOW

The total acres harvested in principle crops for Wyoming totaled 1.44 million acres in 2007. This is an increase of 7 percent from 2006 but down 15 percent from 2005, according to Vito Wagner with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. Production corn for grain, alfalfa hay, and other hay increased from 2006. Winter wheat, spring wheat, barley, oats, corn silage, dry beans, and sugarbeets all decreased.

**SMALL GRAINS:** The 2007 Wyoming **winter wheat** production decreased 11 percent from last year to 3.25 million bushels. Farmers harvested 125,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2006. Yields averaged 26 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel per acre from last year. **Spring wheat** production totaled 195,000 bushels, 17 percent less than in 2006. Harvested acres were down 1,000 acres to 5,000, and yield averaged 39 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. **Barley** production, at 4.72 million bushels, was down 3 percent from 2006 and the smallest since 2002. Acreage harvested was 53,000 was down 4,000 acres and yield at 89 was up 4 bushels per acre. Production of **oats** in Wyoming in 2007 was down to 376,000 bushels, the lowest total production since records began in 1889. The average yield was down 10 bushels per acre from last year at 47 bushels per acre with 8,000 acres harvested for grain, down 4,000 acres from last year.

**ROW CROPS:** **Corn for grain** production in Wyoming during 2007 totaled a record high 7.74 million bushels, up 33 percent from last year. Growers harvested 60,000 acres for grain, up 15,000 acres from last year. Yields averaged 129 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. **Corn silage** production, at 651,000 tons, was down 13 percent from the previous year; harvested acres were down 3,000 from last year. **All dry bean** production totaled 555,000 hundredweight, down 6 percent from 2006. Harvested area, at 24,000 acres, was down 3,500 acres from last year. Average yield was up 160 pounds to 2,310 pounds per acre. **Pinto bean** production in Wyoming totaled 480,000 hundredweight, **great northern bean** production was 33,000 hundredweight, and **navy bean** production totaled 20,000 hundredweight. There was also 22,000 hundredweight of **other dry bean** types produced. **Sugarbeet** production totaled 658,000 tons, down 18 percent from last year. Harvested acreage was down 9,800 acres from 2006, but average yield, at 21.7 tons per acre, was up 1.8 tons per acre.

**HAY:** **All hay** production in Wyoming totaled 2.39 million tons in 2007, up 13 percent from the previous year. **Alfalfa hay** production totaled 1.54 million tons, up 10 percent from last year. Alfalfa acreage harvested was up 14 percent, but the average yield was down 0.1 ton to 2.7 tons per acre. **Other hay** production totaled 848,000 tons, up 19 percent from 2006. Acreage cut for all other hay totaled 530,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from 2006. Average yield for other hay was 1.6 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from 2006. A total of 25,000 acres were newly seeded to **alfalfa**, down 5,000 acres from 2006 and down 30,000 acres from 2005.

### United States

**Corn** for grain production in 2007 is estimated at 13.1 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but 24 percent above 2006. The average U.S. grain yield is estimated at 151.1 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from the November forecast but 2.0 bushels above 2006. The 2007 yield estimate is the second highest on record, behind 2004, while production is the largest on record as producers harvested the most corn acres for grain since 1933.

U.S. **dry edible bean** production is estimated at 25.4 million cwt for 2007, up less than 1 percent from the December forecast and 5 percent above last year. Harvested area is estimated at 1.48 million acres, virtually unchanged from the December forecast but 4 percent below the 2006 crop. The average U.S. yield is estimated at 1,716 pounds per acre, an increase of 8 pounds from the last forecast and 139 pounds above a year ago. Production increased from a year ago for large lima, baby lima, pinto, light red kidney, and black. Production decreased from last year for navy, great northern, small white, dark red kidney, pink, small red, cranberry, blackeye, and all chickpeas.

Production of **dry hay** for 2007 is estimated at 150 million tons, up 2 percent from the October 1 forecast and up 6 percent from the 2006 total. Area harvested, at 61.6 million acres, is down slightly from the October forecast but up 1 percent from 2006. The average yield, at 2.44 tons per acre, is up 0.05 ton from October and up 0.10 ton from the previous year.